

MINUTES

TALBOT COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 July 2013

I. ROLL CALL

- A. The regular meeting of the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, 1 July 2013. Those members in attendance were Mr. Ward Bucher (Chair), Mrs. Marsha Kacher, Mr. Ron B. Mitchell, Dr. Dorothy C. Fenwick, and Mr. Robert Amdur. Ms. Alice Marie Gravely and Mr. Jacob Lareska were absent. Representing the County were Mr. Martin Sokolich and Ms. Florence Ball.

II. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. REVIEW MINUTES OF 3 June 2013 MEETING – The minutes of the 3 June TCHPC meeting were read. Mrs. Marsha Kacher moved to approve the minutes as read; Mr. Ron Mitchell seconded the motion and it was carried.
- B. OLD BLOOMFIELD (T-175): STATUS OF HDO APPLICATION – Mr. Ward Bucher said the owner is still considering the extent of the HDO boundaries. Once that is decided, Mr. Bucher said he will complete the HDO application for the owner to submit.
- C. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TCHPC SOCIAL – Mr. Ward Bucher said the event was well attended and very successful. Those attending were enthusiastic and appeared to enjoy the gathering. It was suggested that a written acknowledgement should be sent to the attendees to express appreciation for their interest and attendance at the event. Mrs. Marsha Kacher volunteered to draft a thank you note to be approved by the Commissioners by email before mailing them. Mr. Martin Sokolich said he will provide Mrs. Kacher with the list of RSVPs for her mailing list.
- D. UPDATE ON THE CONCEALED CELL TOWER PROPOSED IN TILGHMAN - Mr. Martin Sokolich said that to date, the Ottery Group, has not yet submitted a completed application package to the County.
- E. STATUS OF LETTER TO THE STATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED DNR TOWER AT BLACK WALNUT POINT IN TILGHMAN - Dr. Dorothy Fenwick said she drafted the letter and emailed it to Mr. Ward Bucher for review and comment. Mr. Bucher advised that she should forward the draft to all of the Commissioners to review before sending it to the State.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SITE VISITS – Mr. Robert Amdur said the site visit to Rich Neck Manor (T-211) needs to be completed. The visit was cut short due to a rain storm. Mr. Amdur said he wants to schedule a site visit to Wye House (T- 54), but the contact number on his list is not current, and he still cannot find the contact information for Webley (T-214). He asked Mr. Martin Sokolich if he has sent cards to the HDO owners asking for updated contact information. Mr. Sokolich replied that he has not yet done so, but will follow up on that. Mr. Ron Mitchell said he will get Richard Tilghman's telephone number and forward it to Mr. Amdur so he can arrange the site visit to Wye House. He will confirm that with the Commissioners if he is able to contact the owner.
- B. REQUEST BY WILL WORKMAN FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT – Mr. Ward Bucher said while attending the TCHPC Social, Mr. Will Workman, owner of George Brooks House (T-1120) spoke to him at length about his attempt to legally upgrade the use of his property from a bed and breakfast to that of an inn by obtaining growth allocation. Mr. Bucher explained that TCHPC does not have the authority to approve a change of use since that is strictly a zoning issue. As such, he feels there is little or nothing that the Commission can do to assist Mr. Workman with that endeavor. He suggested tabling the topic unless an issue arises over which TCHPC does have purview. The Commissioners concurred.

IV. OPEN FLOOR

- A. TCHPC WEBSITE – Mr. Ron Mitchell asked whether anyone has seen the new TCHPC website which is still under construction, and not yet ready for public viewing. Mr. Ward Bucher said he took some photographs at the TCHPC Social that can be posted on the website.
- B. COMMISSIONER TERMS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - Mrs. Marsha Kacher said she and Ms. Alice Marie Gravely have been reappointed as Commissioners by the County Council. Their terms will expire on 1 July 2016. Mr. Ward Bucher said he was somewhat confused regarding his term, since it is listed on the TCHPC contact list as expiring on 1 July 2015. Ms. Florence Ball said she recalled receiving a copy of a letter from the County Council reappointing Mr. Bucher until 2015. She will check her records upon returning to the office. Mr. Martin Sokolich said he will contact Susan Moran to verify the expiration dates of the terms for all of the Commissioners, and will advise all concerned of the current status. The list will be updated accordingly.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, 5 August 2013, at 3:00 pm in Conference Room One of the Talbot County Office Building at 215 Bay Street in Easton.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:45 pm.